

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In Re:** Robert L. Payer, *et al.***Serial No:** 09/885,226**Group:** 2839**Filed:** June 20, 2001**Examiner:** Patel, Tulsidas C.**For:** Solid-Phase Welded Optical Element Attach  
Process**AMENDMENT****FAX RECEIVED****Assistant Commission for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231****MAR 6 2003****TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800****Sir:****a.) Introductory Comments**

In the above-captioned patent application and in response to the pending Office Action, mailed October 7, 2002 (Paper No. 4), entry of the following amendments and reconsideration are requested in view of the following remarks.

A two-month extension is requested for this response.

Please note that this Amendment is formatted based on the new, revised format.